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OF

THE FIRE MARSHAL

FOR THE PROVINCE OF

NEW BRUNSWICK

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TO HIS HONOUR

THE HONOURABLE WALLACE S. BIRD

Lieutenant-Governor of The Province of New Brunswick.

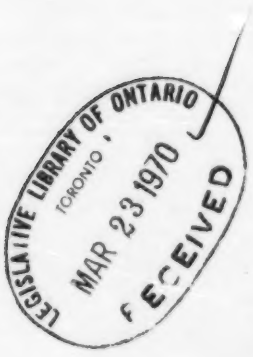
May it please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit herewith The Annual Report of The Fire Marshal, Province of New Brunswick, for the calendar year ended December 31, 1969.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

BERNARD JEAN, Q.C.
Minister of Justice.



HONOURABLE BERNARD JEAN, Q.C.
Minister of Justice,
Province of New Brunswick.

Sir:

Pursuant to Section 5, Fire Prevention Act R.S.N.B., Chapter 86, 1952 I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the year ending December 31, 1969.

The recorded fire losses in New Brunswick, compiled from reports received up to February 16, 1970 are placed at $4,153,419, total fires 1,280 as compared with a loss of $4,331,661 and 1,221 in 1968, a decrease of $178,242 in the monetary loss, an increase of 59 in the number of fires, a decrease of $53,349 in the insurance loss and a decrease of $124,893 in the uninsured loss.

Municipalities are as previously shown with newly incorporated villages that were in existence at the beginning of the year shown separately. Those incorporated during 1969 will be shown separate in our 1970 report. The number of cities and towns remain the same i/e six cities, 21 towns.

The breakdown of losses by cities, towns, villages and rural areas (counties) is clearly shown in Table No. 1. The per capita loss, provincial, city, town and rural is shown in Table No. 6. We are still unable to accurately break down the per capita loss for villages due to various and different stages of incorporation. The per capita loss of the villages is, therefore, included in the rural figures. It may be possible to do this later if felt desirable.

Table No. 1 — Fire and losses by Location or Place.
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The report also contains summary of other work carried on by this office during the year broken down into divisions as near as it is possible to do so, however, all phases of our work have steadily increased with many added duties and responsibilities. This increase is most evident in the work that we are now required to perform for other provincial government departments i/e the Department of Health and Welfare, Department of Municipal Affairs, Provincial Secretary, Public Works, Labour, Education etc., it is difficult to give more than a summation of this work in this report. It is very evident that public interest and cooperation in the important field of fire prevention and control is increasing each year.

During the year particular attention was given to Fire Prevention Education in all its various phases, projects which were undertaken during 1968 were followed up and others developed. The intended setting up of a fire investigation section within our branch during 1969, as referred to in our 1968 Annual Report, was held in abeyance during the early part of 1969 due to the prolonged illness of the Fire Marshal, however, these plans have now been completed and it is expected that this investigation section will be fully organized and in operation in early 1970. We have been most fortunate in obtaining a highly experienced and qualified applicant to fill this new position.

Looking at fire losses generally, even although they are larger than they should be and the loss of life in fires, particularly children is appalling, everything possible is being done to reduce the losses and particularly the loss of life. Generally speaking New Brunswick's fire loss is amongst the lowest in

Canada, in fact study of old statistical records will indicate a steady reduction in the over-all loss during the last 40 years. By referring to Table No. 10 in this report you will notice that during the year we had a total of 16 fire deaths as compared with a total of 31 during 1968, down 15 from the previous year. Unfortunately, following the usual pattern, young children are the victims of in far too many cases carelessness and in some cases parental neglect as is shown by our records.

The plans for holding a Provincial Training School during 1969 were scrapped and instead we have been holding regional training schools throughout the province. These have been well attended and from the results it would appear that they are serving a very useful purpose, particularly in bringing proper training to our rural fire departments.

During the year there were no changes in staff personnel. The branch office opened in Saint John during 1968 has resulted in a most noticeable increase of work in that part of the province coming under the jurisdiction of this branch office.

We were advised late in 1969 that the Royal Canadian Humane Association silver medal, their second highest award for bravery had, as a result of investigation and recommendations made by this office, been awarded to Curtis Brown of Seal Cove, Grand Manan Island, N. B. for saving the life of a three year old child in a fire which occurred at Seal Cove on May 1, 1969. Arrangements are being made to present this high award to Mr. Brown at a public ceremony at Seal Cove early in 1970.

Once again we have been most fortunate in that no fires of any serious consequence occurred in institutional buildings, hospitals, homes for the aged, nursing homes, boarding homes for children etc. These places of public assembly and/or sleeping accommodation receive and will continue to receive special attention. As a study of the various tables in this report will indicate, there has been nothing new in the cause of fires and as usual most fires occur in homes and most fire deaths occur in homes with children being the unfortunate victims, which in far too many cases is nothing but carlessness and neglect. Our educational programs must, therefore, be aimed at the home and parents and all those responsible for the safety of children, bearing in mind that the home is outside the jurisdiction of actual statutory control such as now exercised over places of public assembly and sleeping accommodation etc.

We are convinced that safety campaigns can work; but only with the support of the public and without public participation and interest no such work will succeed. It would appear that from the increase in our work we are receiving public interest and support in this particular safety field; but more is needed if we are to further reduce our fire losses and the unfortunate loss of life from fire.

In conclusion, Sir, I wish to express appreciation of the support and co-operation received from all Government Departments, Insurance Companies, Insurance Adjusters, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Municipal Police Forces, the Fire Underwriters Investigation Bureau, the New Brunswick Board of Underwriters and all others with whom we have the pleasure to work. The splendid co-operative relations existing between this Department and all Fire Chiefs and members of this department continued throughout the year. To my loyal and efficient staff I extend my sincere thanks for a job well done. We look back on a year of accomplishment and look forward to a year of still greater effort in all the many and varied duties we perform.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. J. STURGEON,
Fire Marshal.

Fredericton, N. B.
February 24, 1970.

TABLE NO. 1

Showing the number of fires in the Province of New Brunswick, with the estimated amounts of losses suffered and amounts covered by insurance for the year 1969

COUNTY	No. of Fires	Loss	Insurance Loss	Uninsured Loss
ALBERT COUNTY	1	$ 31	$ 31	$
Alma				
Bridgedale				
Gunningsville	1	30	30	
Hillsboro				
Riverside - Albert	1	287	287	
Riverview Heights	11	28,007	26,916	1,091
Surrey				
CARLETON COUNTY	31	101,945	67,622	34,323
Bath	1	13,374	13,374	
Bristol	1	38,134	38,134	
Centreville				
Florenceville	3	29,001	18,720	10,281
Hartland	2	32,155	15,155	17,000
Woodstock	18	76,496	55,338	21,158
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	29	91,549	76,549	15,000
Milltown	6	2,689	1,939	750
North Head				
St. Andrews	3	2,703	2,703	
St. George	2	3,034	3,034	
St. Stephen	21	24,687	24,687	
Seal Cove				
Black's Harbour	1	3,679	3,679	
GLOUCESTER COUNTY	28	199,451	136,057	63,394
Bathurst	16	29,952	28,127	1,825
Caraquet				
Grand Anse	1	200	200	
Lameque				
Lower Caraquet				
Paquetville				
Petit Rocher	1	66	66	
Pointe Verte				
Shippegan	16	3,162	3,162	
Tracadie	13	9,081	9,081	
Beresford	1	60	60	
Belledune	2	3,025	3,025	
KENT COUNTY	8	48,814	38,127	10,687
Buctouche	2	199	199	
Harcourt				
Rexton	1	50	50	
Richibucto	3	2,665	2,665	
St. Anthony	1	46	46	
St. Louis de Kent				
KINGS COUNTY	23	58,066	50,669	7,397
Apohaqui	2	10,150	8,650	1,500
East Riverside - Kinghurst	2	105	105	
Fair Vale				
Gondola Point	1	1,000	500	500
Hampton	1	3,963	3,963	
Havelock				
Norton	2	5,091	2,091	3,000
Pamdenec				
Penobsquis	2	1,007	1,007	
Quispamsis	2	5,858	5,858	
Renforth	3	161	161	
Rothesay	2	700	700	
Sussex	16	94,217	94,217	
Sussex Corner	3	9,345	9,345	
Westfield				
TOTALS FORWARD	284	$ 934,235	$ 746,329	$ 187,906

TABLE NO 1—(Continued)

Showing the number of fires in the Province of New Brunswick, with the estimated amounts of losses suffered and amounts covered by insurance for the year 1969

COUNTY	No. of Fires	Loss	Insurance Loss	Loss Uninsured
BROUGHT FORWARD	284	$ 934,235	$ 746,329	$ 187,906
MADAWASKA COUNTY	28	14,075	12,075	2,000
Clair	5	546	546	
Edmundston	114	337,540	258,005	79,535
Riviere Verte	3	1,105	1,105	
Ste. Anne De Madawaska	10	46,758	31,718	15,040
St. Basile	7	13,898	9,898	4,000
St. Francois DeMadawaska	3	3,070	3,070	
St. Jacques	8	6,300	6,300	
St. Leonard	9	15,762	15,762	
Baker Brook	5	499	499	
Baker Lake	1	46	46	
St. Andre	1	19	19	
St. Hilaire	4	263	263	
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY	28	79,588	52,428	27,160
Blackville	3	5,222	1,222	4,000
Boiestown				
Chatham	11	23,660	21,660	2,000
Doaktown				
Douglastown	2	222	222	
Loggieville	2	6,000	4,000	2,000
Millerton	3	7,620	1,370	6,250
Nelson and Miramichi	2	1,005	1,005	
Newcastle	42	57,121	47,673	9,448
Rogersville	3	315	315	
Neguac	1	5,000	5,000	
QUEENS COUNTY	18	82,434	72,377	10,057
Cambridge-Narrows	2	6,060	6,060	
Chipman	12	83,426	79,017	4,409
Gagetown	1	11,080	11,080	
RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY	16	45,316	28,484	16,832
Atholville				
Campbellton	14	25,506	22,278	3,228
Colborne	1	915	915	
Dalhousie	10	62,280	60,826	1,454
Eel River Crossing	2	13,517	11,000	2,517
Jacquet River	1	9,736	9,736	
Kedgwick				
St. Quentin	8	830	830	
Tide Head				
SUNBURY COUNTY	19	24,983	19,983	5,000
Fredericton Junction	2	186	186	
Minto	12	28,522	24,482	4,040
Oromocto	2	97	97	
Tracy				
SAINT JOHN COUNTY	6	15,907	11,238	4,669
Saint John City	160	741,125	643,806	97,319
St. Martins				
VICTORIA COUNTY	28	132,998	85,542	47,456
Grand Falls	32	18,285	18,285	
Perth - Andover	5	11,166	10,158	1,008
Plaster Rock	1	9,475	9,475	
Drummond	2	850	850	
TOTALS FORWARD	933	$2,884,563	$2,347,235	$ 537,328

TABLE NO 1—(Continued)

Showing the number of fires in the Province of New Brunswick, with the estimated amounts of losses suffered and amounts covered by insurance for the year 1969

COUNTY	No. of Fires	Loss	Insurance Loss	Uninsured Loss
BROUGHT FORWARD	933	$2,884,563	$2,347,235	$ 537,328
WESTMORLAND COUNTY	26	84,330	81,400	2,930
Chartersville	3	70	70	
Dieppe	7	22,389	22,389	
Dorchester	2	2,269	2,269	
East Shediac				
Lewisville	8	2,293	2,293	
Memramcook				
Moncton	99	177,243	177,025	218
Petitcodiac	1	75	75	
Point du Chene	1	137	137	
Port Elgin				
Sackville	5	203,237	203,237	
St. Anselme	2	101	101	
St. Joseph				
Salisbury	2	817	817	
Shediac	7	1,358	1,358	
YORK COUNTY	42	131,432	87,503	43,929
Barker's Point	5	35,242	33,144	2,098
Canterbury	1	127	127	
Fredericton	92	523,822	507,480	16,342
Harvey	6	17,149	12,149	5,000
Marysville	13	2,851	2,851	
McAdam	4	1,673	1,673	
Meductic				
Millville	3	46,900	28,400	18,500
Napadogan				
Nashwaaksis	17	15,268	15,268	
Stanley	1	73	73	
TOTALS	1,280	$4,153,419	$3,527,074	$ 626,345

TABLE No. 2

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF FIRE for the Year 1969

Class No.	CAUSE	No. of Fires	Amount of Loss	Insurance Loss	Uninsured Loss
	ELECTRICAL				
1.	Appliances	102	$ 120,847	$ 117,845	$ 3,002
2.	Exposure to Appliance (Clothing)	5	1,673	1,673	
3.	Batteries and Battery Chargers				
4.	Improper Entrances (Power Surges, etc.)				
5.	Overloaded Circuits, Wiring, etc.	86	393,872	322,685	71,187
6.	Television and Radio	22	16,444	13,544	2,900
7.	Miscellaneous				
8.	Lightning (Buildings Rodded)				
9.	Lightning (Buildings not Rodded)	33	95,094	94,499	595
9.A	Electric Motors	2	798	798	
	EXPOSURE				
10.	From Adjacent Buildings	1	270,405	218,482	51,923
11.	From Grass Fires, Bonfires, etc.	12	24,568	18,368	6,200
12.	From Forest Fires				
13.	Miscellaneous	7	7,304	6,213	1,091
	EXPLOSIONS				
14.	Fire Crackers, Sparklers, etc.	2	2,513	2,513	
15.	Tar, Pitch, Paint, Varnish	1	179	179	
16.	Dynamite, Gun Powder, etc.				
	HEATING EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS				
17.	Chimneys, Flues, Pipes, etc.	62	97,422	80,891	16,531
18.	Exposure to (Clothing, etc.)	7	2,738	2,365	373
19.	Fire Places	12	30,311	30,311	
20.	Insufficient Insulation				
21.	Natural and Artificial Gas Stoves				
22.	Oil Burning Equipment	123	728,530	692,320	36,210
23.	Salamanders				
24.	Stoves, Furnaces, etc. (Solid Fuel)	4	9,893	7,068	2,825
25.	Steam and Hot Water Pipes				
26.	Sparks on Roofs	2	10,934	7,156	3,778
27.	Miscellaneous				
	INCENDIARISM				
28.	Indictable Offences	2	1,594	1,594	
29.	Mischief (not amounting to arson)	7	12,759	9,759	3,000
	OVERHEATING AND DISPOSAL				
30.	Ashes, Rubbish, etc.	9	8,398	8,398	
31.	Cooking Utensils	8	949	949	
32.	Friction				
33.	Grease Oil, Wax, etc.	92	68,823	65,194	3,629
34.	Hot and Molten Metal				
35.	Spontaneous Ignition	14	233,330	192,330	41,000
	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS				
36.	Blow Torches and Welding Torches	9	3,114	3,114	
37.	Cleaning Purposes				
38.	Gas Installations and Piping	6	168,016	167,016	1,000
39.	Gasoline Motors	8	49,084	46,084	3,000
40.	Gases in Storage or in Transit	1	53	53	
41.	Improper Handling and Storage	2	6,250	3,250	3,000
42.	Lamps, Candles, etc.	5	1,923	1,923	
43.	Lighting fires with				
44.	Paint and Varnish (Overheated)				
45.	Portable Gasoline and Gas Stoves	7	15,556	15,556	
46.	Miscellaneous	6	3,524	3,524	
	SMOKING AND MATCHES				
47.	Children Playing with Matches	24	119,592	70,064	49,528
48.	Careless Handling of Matches				
49.	Smoking in Bed	30	5,498	5,498	
50.	Other Smokers Carelessness	375	334,158	316,118	18,040
	UNKNOWN				
51.	Intruders	16	161,502	106,997	54,505
52.	Other Unknown	165	1,139,286	886,258	253,028
53.	**MISCELLANEOUS**	2	310	310	
54.	Mischievous Acts of Children	8	6,175	6,175	
	TOTAL	1,280	$4,153,419	$3,527,074	$ 626,345

TABLE No. 3

Classification of PROPERTIES DAMAGED by Fire for the Year 1969

Class No.	CLASS OF PROPERTY	No. of Fires	Amount of Loss	Insurance Loss	Uninsured Loss
	ASSEMBLY (Group A)				
50.	Churches (Protected)	3	891	891	
51.	Churches (Unprotected)	1	635	635	
52.	Churches Roman Catholic (Protected)	1	12	12	
53.	Churches Roman Catholic (Unprotected)	1	1,500	1,500	
54.	Clubs and Lodge Rooms	9	133,564	126,988	6,576
55.	Community Halls	2	9,481	5,981	3,500
56.	Dance Halls	2	10,000	9,000	1,000
57.	Rinks and Exhibition Buildings	2	627	627	
58.	Schools and Colleges (non-resid.)	5	127,263	81,263	46,000
59.	Theatres				
60.	Miscellaneous	4	8,233	8,233	
	COMMERCIAL (Group C)				
61.	Blacksmith Shops & Maint'nce Garages	1	532	532	
62.	Cold Storage and Refrigeration Plant				
63.	Henneries and Hatcheries	1	1,200	1,200	
64.	Laundries and Dry Cleaning				
65.	Machine Shops	1	257	257	
66.	Office and Bank	7	27,842	23,298	4,544
67.	Printing Establishments				
68.	Public Garages and Service Stations	8	88,981	68,675	20,306
69.	Potato Warehouses	5	66,480	39,480	27,000
70.	Restaurants and Dining Halls	19	64,762	63,034	1,728
71.	Stores (Protected)	20	848,355	771,788	76,567
72.	Store Warehouses (Protected)	3	50,399	48,301	2,098
73.	Stores (Unprotected)	2	68,226	68,226	
74.	Store Warehouses (Unprotected)	3	23,166	15,666	7,500
75.	Miscellaneous	6	82,148	74,945	7,203
	MANUFACTURING (Group C)				
76.	Factories (Protected)	4	209,543	209,543	
77.	Factories (Unprotected)	2	27,942	27,942	
78.	Grist Mills, Flour & Feed Mills				
79.	Paper Mills	1	675	675	
80.	Pulp Wood and Loose Pulp				
81.	Saw Mills	1	30,000	10,000	20,000
82.	Woodworking Plants				
83.	Sawn Lumber				
84.	Seafood Packing Establishments	1	2,598	2,598	
85.	Warehouses	5	58,249	51,999	6,250
86.	Miscellaneous	5	54,581	54,581	
85A.	Mines, Buildings, Equipment Etc.	1	2,964	2,964	
	INSTITUTIONAL (Group B)				
87.	Homes for Children and Old People	2	1,404	1,404	
88.	Hospitals and Sanatoria	3	854	854	
89.	Private Nursing & Convalescent Home				
90.	Prisons, Gaols and Asylums	1	640	640	
91.	Miscellaneous				
	RESIDENTIAL (Group D)				
92.	Apartment and Rooming Houses	104	392,219	331,305	60,914
93.	Dwellings (Protected)	522	406,649	348,638	58,011
94.	Dwellings (Unprotected)	384	802,395	629,624	172,771
95.	Dwellings — Farm	2	8,246	2,246	6,000
96.	Hotels	9	164,561	163,561	1,000
97.	Hunting Lodges and Camps	9	19,595	14,184	5,411
98.	Mobile Homes, Trailers, etc.	28	48,044	38,222	9,822
99.	Motels	8	6,313	6,313	
100.	Residential Colleges, Schools, etc.	1	359	359	
101.	Summer Cottages, Tourist Camps	33	81,412	68,405	13,007
102.	Miscellaneous	1	2,500	2,500	
	ACCESSORY (Group E)				
103.	Barns	19	163,617	106,345	57,272
104.	Detached Buildings and Sheds	16	36,260	29,053	7,207
105.	Private Garages	12	17,245	12,587	4,658
106.	Miscellaneous				
	MECHANICAL (not stored)				
107.	Automotive				
108.	Machinery				
109.	Marine				
	TOTAL	1,280	$4,153,419	$3,527,074	$ 626,345

TABLE No. 4

SUMMARY OF FIRE LOSSES BY MAJOR CAUSES AND OCCUPANCIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK DURING 1969

ITEMS	ORIGINATING CAUSES	ASSEMBLY 50 — 60	COMMERCIAL 61 — 75	GARAGES 68	MANUFACTURING 76 — 86	RESIDENTIAL 87 — 102	MISCELLANEOUS 103 — 109	TOTAL
1-7	Electrical	$ 1,842	$ 127,892	$	$ 14,037	$ 346,374	$ 42,691	$ 532,836
8-9	Lightning	44,601	532			42,461	7,500	95,094
9A	Electric Motors		647			151		798
10-13	Forest and Grass Fires	4,300	127,156			167,529	3,292	302,277
14-16	Explosions					218	2,474	2,692
17	Chimneys, Flues, Pipes, etc.		10,486			86,936		97,422
18-27	Heating Equip. & Instal	1,701	228,818	33,186	280,557	225,689	1,521	771,472
26	Sparks on Roofs					10,934		10,934
28-29	Incendiarism	5,800	1,092			7,461		14,353
30	Hot Ashes, Coals, Rubbish	93	80			7,390	835	8,398
31-34	Hot Grease, Oil, Metal, etc.	60	1,749			67,963		69,772
35	Spontaneous Ignition	5.000	125,823		33,679	16,828	52,000	233,330
36-46	Petroleum Products		24,822	2,901	30,400	182,422	5,052	245,597
42	Open Lights, Candles, etc.					1,923		1,923
47-50	Smoking and Matches	87,877	157,667		4,912	200,049	8,743	459,248
51-52	Unknown	140,932	426,603	52,894	22,967	565,796	91,596	1,300,788
53	Miscellaneous					310		310
54	Misch. Acts of Children					4,757	1,418	6,175
		$ 292,206	$1,233,367	$ 88,981	$ 386,552	$1,935,191	$ 217,122	$4,153,419

TABLE No. 5

SUMMARY OF FIRES IN NEW BRUNSWICK FOR YEARS 1967, 1968, 1969

Month	1967				1968				1969			
	No. Fires	Property Loss	Insurance Loss	Loss not covered by Insurance	No. Fires	Property Loss	Insurance Loss	Loss not covered by Insurance	No. Fires	Property Loss	Insurance Loss	Loss not covered by Insurance
January	97	$ 244,729	$ 188,852	$ 55,877	100	$ 199,477	$ 169,028	$ 30,449	146	$ 301,443	$ 281,506	$ 19,937
February	105	127,880	103,378	24,502	113	497,425	426,315	71,110	108	242,571	216,060	26,511
March	113	435,496	353,480	82,016	122	410,640	331,379	79,261	106	266,494	226,318	40,176
April	132	533,926	309,184	224,742	101	1,495,775	1,316,666	179,109	103	564,763	476,059	88,704
May	96	562,667	408,552	154,115	92	256,265	192,240	64,025	95	238,273	177,642	60,631
June	121	199,887	176,589	23,298	96	163,376	138,089	25,287	76	220,278	193,791	26,487
July	77	232,997	208,276	24,721	79	362,621	268,718	93,903	108	111,278	101,059	10,219
August	93	230,381	164,376	66,005	130	237,440	190,290	47,150	93	168,151	131,855	36,296
September	78	210,210	159,287	50,923	87	173,608	143,594	30,014	75	300,308	254,488	45,820
October	94	224,837	186,199	38,638	99	188,456	132,676	55,780	99	663,189	596,439	66,750
November	81	155,715	122,915	32,800	99	241,887	195,964	45,923	143	396,724	287,363	109,361
December	106	317,837	246,053	71,784	103	104,691	75,464	29,227	128	679,947	584,494	95,453
	1,193	$3,476,562	$2,627,141	$ 849,421	1,221	$4,331,661	$3,580,423	$ 751,238	1,280	$4,153,419	$3,527,074	$ 626,345

TABLE No. 6

COMPARATIVE LOSSES IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1969

MUNICIPALITY	Estimated Population (1966 Census)	Property Loss 1969	Loss Per Capita 1969
BATHURST	15,256	$ 29,952	$ 1.96
CAMPBELLTON	10,175	25 506	2.51
CARAQUET	3,047	Nil	Nil
CHATHAM	8,136	23,660	2.91
DALHOUSIE	6,107	62,280	10.20
DIEPPE	4,832	22.389	4.63
EDMUNDSTON	12,517	337,540	26.97
FREDERICTON	22 460	523,822	23.32
GRAND FALLS	4,152	18,285	4.40
HARTLAND	1,034	32,155	31.10
MARYSVILLE	3,572	2,851	.80
MILLTOWN	1,952	2,689	1.38
MONCTON	45.847	177,243	3.87
NEWCASTLE	5 911	57,121	9.66
OROMOCTO	14,112	97	Nil
ROTHESAY	893	700	.78
SAINT JOHN	102,000	741,125	7.27
SACKVILLE	3,186	203,237	63.79
ST. ANDREWS	1,719	2,703	1.57
ST. STEPHEN	3,285	24,687	7.52
ST. GEORGE	1 104	3,034	2.75
ST. LEONARD	1,635	15,762	9.64
SHEDIAC	2,134	1,358	.64
SHIPPEGAN	1,744	3 162	1.81
SUSSEX	3,607	94,217	26.12
TRACADIE	2,018	9,081	4.50
WOODSTOCK	4 442	76,496	17.22

COMPARATIVE LOSSES

	Estimated Population	Property Loss 1969	Loss Per Capita 1969	Loss 1968
Six N. B. Cities	208,255	$1,835,188	$ 8.81	$1,956,112
Twenty-One N. B. Towns	78,622	655,964	8.34	537,643
Rural (Includes Villages See Table No. 1)	330,896	1,662,267	5.02	1,837,906
Provincial Per Capita Loss	617,773	$4,153,419	$ 6.72	$4,331,661

TABLE No. 7

FIRE LOSSES IN NEW BRUNSWICK FOR TEN YEARS, 1960 - 1969 Inclusive

Year	No. Fires	Property Loss	Insurance Loss
1960	2,204	4,776,056	3,463,617
1961	2,081	3,667,612	2,697,583
1962	1,972	3,155,172	2,602,926
1963	1,637	4.529,053	3,657,002
1964	1,750	4,285,010	3.369 852
1965	1,747	3,766,380	3,052,958
1966	1,409	5,914.333	5.061,739
1967	1,193	3,476,562	2,627,141
1968	1,221	4,331,661	3,580,423
1969	1,280	4,153,419	3,527,074
	16,494	$42,045,258	$33,642,315

TABLE No. 8

CHIEF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1969 — $20,000 AND OVER

DATE	OCCUPANCY	LOCATION	Property Loss	Insured Loss	Presumed Cause
Nov. 29/68	Apartment Bldg. & Exposures	Saint John, St. John Co., N. B.	$ 91,320	$ 86,820	Unknown
Jan. 5/69	Mercantile Store and Exposures	Chipman, Queens Co., N. B.	$ 70,242	$ 69,726	Faulty Oil Furnace
Jan. 21/69	Retail Store	Fredericton, N. B.	60,667	58,601	Unknown
Nov. 20/68	Apartment Bldgs.	Rothesay, Kings Co., N. B.	49,201	49,201	Flooded Oil Furnace
Jan. 10/69	Warehouse	Barker's Point, York Co., N. B.	31,913	29,815	Cigarette
Jan. 25/69	Apartment Building	Saint John, N. B.	26,915	26,915	Spark from Fireplace
Mar. 12/69	Service Station	Woodstock, N. B.	52,538	32,232	Unknown
Mar. 13/69	Private Dwelling	R. R. No. 1, Notre Dame, Kent Co., N. B.	33,578	28,000	Unknown
Mar. 25/69	Private Dwelling	R. R. No. 5, Centreville, Carleton Co., N. B.	21,030	15,000	Unknown
Mar. 27/69	Mercantile Store and Exposures	Fredericton, York Co., N. B.	152,369	152,369	Faulty Operation of Oil Burning Equipment
Apr. 2/69	Mercantile Store and Exposures	Edmundston, Madawaska Co., N. B.	296,073	225,989	Unknown
Apr. 13/69	Private Dwelling and Exposures	R. R. No. 2, Grand Falls, Victoria Co., N. B.	32,460	15,162	Faulty Electrical Wiring
Apr. 14/69	Resaurant & Exposures	Fredericton, York Co., N. B.	33,205	30,788	Defective Transformer in Neon Sign
Apr. 15/69	Mercantile Store and Exposures	Fredericton, York Co., N. B.	91,747	89,747	Faulty Operation of Oil Furnace
Apr. 19/69	Factory	Rothwell, Queens Co., N. B.	24,263	24,263	Faulty Oil Burning Equipment
Apr. 27/69	Warehouse	Saint John, St. John Co., N. B.	30,400	30,400	Gasoline Motor
Apr. 22/69	Store Warehouse & Exposures	St. Anne de Madawaska	20,415	12,915	Unknown
May 17/69	Sawmill	Taxis River, York Co., N. B.	30,000	10,000	Spontaneous Combustion
June 13/69	Barn	Sussex, Kings Co., N. B.	29,900	29,900	Electric Light Bulb in Feed Room

TABLE No. 8

CHIEF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1969 — $20,000 AND OVER (Continued)

DATE	OCCUPANCY	LOCATION	Property Loss	Insured Loss	Presumed Cause
June 25/69	Hotel & Apartments	Saint John, St. John Co., N. B.	158,179	157,179	Propane gas installations & piping leaking causing fumes which were ignited by match
July 17/69	Curling Club	Dalhousie, Restigouche Co., N. B.	44,256	43,661	Lightning
Aug. 12/69	Bakery & Exposures	Fredericton, York Co., N. B.	67,021	59,818	Cigarette
Aug. 30/69	Barn	Millville, York Co., N. B.	40,000	25,000	Spontaneous Combustion
Aug. 22/69	Golf Club	R. R. No.5, Moncton, Westmorland Co., N. B.	47,300	47,270	Careless Smoking
Oct. 5/69	Club	Dieppe, Westmorland Co., N. B	20,556	20,556	Cigarette
Oct. 12/69	Potato House	R. R. No. 3, Grand Falls, N. B.	20,425	10,425	Faulty Electric Wiring
Oct. 24/69	Factory	Sackville, Westmorland Co., N. B.	202,094	202,094	Faulty Oil Burning Equipment
Oct. 17/69	Seasonal Lodge	McDougall Lake Charlotte Co., N. B.	26,000	26,000	Lightning
Oct. 30/69	Public School	Sheila, Gloucester Co., N. B.	126,000	80 000	Vandalism
Oct. 10/69	Mercantile Store	Moncton, Westmorland Co., N. B.	125,823	125,823	Spontaneous Combustion
Nov. 1/69	Potato House	Hartland, Carleton Co., N. B.	28,000	11,000	Unknown
Nov. 13/69	Public Garage and Exposures	Florenceville, Carleton Co., N. B.	21,481	15,000	Oil Stove
Nov. 11/69	Mercantile Store	Fredericton, York Co., N. B.	49,475	47,819	Electrical Malfunction
Dec. 7/69	Public Garage	Moncton, Westmorland Co., N. B.	30 000	30,000	Faulty Oil Burning Equipment
Dec. 24/69	Apartment House and Exposures	Saint John, St. John Co., N. B.	138,223	65,200	Children Playing with Matches
Dec. 27/69	Mercantile Store	Sussex, Kings Co., N. B.	51,108	51,108	Cigarette
Dec. 25/69	Storage Shed	Centreville, Carleton Co., N. B.	38,134	38,134	Malfunction of Oil furnace

TABLE No. 9

Number of Petty Losses, Cigarette Scorches, etc., occasioning damage to Furniture, Clothing and Personal Effects of $25.00 or less.

Number Fires	Property Loss	Insurance Loss
111	$1,873.00	$1,873.00

TABLE No. 10

STATEMENT OF FATALITIES 1969

ORIGINATING CAUSE	Men	Women	Children	Total
Oil stove upset during parents' quarrel			1	1
Oil Burning Equipment	1		1	2
Careless Smoking	3			3
Faulty Chimney			1	1
Using kerosene to bolster wood-burning stove		2		2
Faulty Electrical Wiring			1	1
Careless use of faulty wood-burning stove	1		4	5
Propane gas fumes ignited by smoker	1			1
TOTALS	6	2	8	16

STATEMENT OF INJURED, 1969

ORIGINATING CAUSE	Men	Women	Children	Total
Children playing with fire in kitchen stove	1	1		2
Defective oil burning stove		2	1	3
Careless use of faulty wood-burning stove			2	2
Using gasoline for cleaning purposes	1			1
Careless handling of gasoline	1			1
Using kerosene to bolster wood-burning stove		1		1
Using gasoline to bolster wood-burning stove	1		1	2
Faulty electrical wiring	1			1
Dust exploson flashfire	1			1
Careless Smoking	1			1
TOTALS	7	4	4	15

TABLE No. 11

Report of Inspections Made By Fire Marshal's Staff — 1969

COUNTY	Inspections	Re-Inspections	Conditions Remedied	Investigations	F. M. Orders Served	Meetings and Organization Lectures
ALBERT	60	25	35	15	1	5
CHARLOTTE	74	57	51	15	1	6
CARLETON	80	62	44	20	2	8
GLOUCESTER	66	66	66	12	1	4
KENT	70	52	45	15	2	10
KINGS	59	40	40	8	—	12
MADAWASKA	45	35	30	14	—	8
NORTHUMBERLAND	54	54	40	14	3	5
QUEENS	55	36	20	12	—	4
RESTIGOUCHE	57	50	50	12	4	3
SUNBURY	52	41	30	12	1	4
SAINT JOHN	60	45	45	20	—	16
VICTORIA	45	30	30	12	—	5
WESTMORLAND	244	95	114	50	1	8
YORK	111	77	68	22	3	6
TOTALS	1,132	765	708	253	19	104

PROSECUTIONS ENTERED DURING YEAR
CRIMINAL CODE

Charged	19
Convicted	16
Dismissed (withdrawn)	3
Pending	Nil

FIRE PREVENTION ACT

Charged	Nil
Convicted	Nil
Fireworks Control Act (Charged and Convicted)	Nil

INSPECTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES and LIGHTNING ROD ACT ENFORCEMENT

Hospital Inspections		25
Plans of Buildings Examined		175
Schools Inspected		55
Theatres Inspected		15
Dance Halls Inspected		50
Nursing and Homes for Aged Inspected		80
Boarding Homes for Children		360
Hotels Inspected		15
Churches Inspected		8
Licensed Liquor Premises Inspected (includes re-inspections)		38
Fire Prevention Lectures — Schools and Public		125
Travelling Training School Sessions		15
No. of Firemen attending Travelling Training School Sessions		420
Baby Sitting Courses Conducted		4
Number of Students Receiving Baby Sitting Certificates		115
Number of Film Showings		700
(RECAP. of Film Showings — Schools —	30	
Hospitals —	50	
Other —	620	
	700	
Number of persons in attendance at Lectures, etc.		15,000
Literature Distributed		200 000
Civil Defence Lectures and Meetings		Nil
Lightning Rod Inspections (1968-69 installations)		240
Miscellaneous Inquiries and Requests		25,000
Lightning Rod Licenses Issued		7
Fire Extinguisher Salesman Licenses Issued		46
Coroners' Inquests involving Fire Deaths		2
Fire Department Equipment Surveys		20
Fireworks Control Act Permits Issued		14

FIRE PROTECTION INCREASES

Rural Districts Organized	4
New Fire Departments Organized	4
New Pumpers and Vehicles placed in action	19
New Alarm Systems Installed (Public and Private)	35
New Fire Halls Opened	4